



Transfer of I-10 Basins to City of Goodyear Approved by Board of Directors

Wellness Park and Recreation Planned for Basins

PHOENIX, Ariz. – May 18, 2016 – The Maricopa County Board of Directors approved today an intergovernmental agreement allowing for the sale and transfer of approximately 130 acres of County Flood Control land to the City of Goodyear. The land being transferred is home to the “I-10 Basins”, which includes six flood basins located along the I-10 Freeway between Dysart Road and Bullard Avenue. The basins are currently owned, operated, and maintained by the Flood Control District of Maricopa County.

The basins are being transferred to Goodyear to own, operate, and maintain for flood control purposes, but also may be developed for multiple uses such as recreation and wellness. As part of the agreement, the City of Goodyear will assume operations and maintenance responsibilities of the basins.

“This is an excellent example of a public/private partnership where the cross-utilization of flood control safety structures results in a significant benefit for the community,” said Clint Hickman, Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors.

The City plans to develop a public wellness and recreation park on the property, while maintaining compatibility with the basin’s flood control functions. Wellness park features include a future recreation corridor, multi-use trail connector, a corporate wellness village, family health amenities, and public gardens.

“We thank the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and our City partners for sharing the vision to bring together residents, visitors, healthcare organizations, and businesses, in a place dedicated to community health and wellness. The acquisition of these retention basins presents an opportunity to enhance economic development and quality of life for our citizens and the surrounding area,” said Goodyear Mayor Georgia Lord.

The official transfer of land ownership is expected to take place this August, followed by the City of Goodyear’s establishment of a wellness park governance structure and master plan design.

“This is a win-win-win proposition for the Flood Control District, the City of Goodyear, and the citizens who will use the recreation and wellness park,” said Bill Wiley, Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County. “Flood protection will be maintained, Goodyear will have a new community multiple-use site, and citizens will have a future place for wellness and recreation!”

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The **City of Goodyear**, a community of 75,000 residents located in Metro Phoenix, is a progressive Valley leader that provides great opportunities for families and businesses. The City of Goodyear offers citizen services such as public safety, economic development, community education and library programs, utilities, transportation, parks and recreation, special events, and much more. To learn about the City of Goodyear, please visit www.GoodyearAZ.Gov or call (623) 932-3910.

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County helps residents reduce their risk of injury, death, and property damage from flooding, while still enjoying the natural and beneficial features of floodplains. Learn more about the FCD by visiting www.FCD.Maricopa.Gov, or call (602) 768-3500.